

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated April 25, 2001, the Examiner indicated that certain claims contain allowable subject matter. The Examiner's attention is directed to the amendments above, wherein Claims 1 to 53 have been cancelled in favor of new Claims 54 to 69, which are directed to the subject matter the Examiner indicated was allowable.

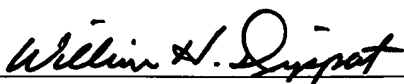
New Claims 54 to 69 correspond to the claims previously in the case as follows:

<u>New Claim</u>	<u>Old Claims</u>
54	1, 9, 11, 12
55	1, 9, 13
56	1, 9, 14
57	1, 9, 15
58	1, 9, 16
59	1, 19, 20, 21
60	1, 22
61	27, 31
62	27, 33
63	27, 34
64	27, 35-57
65	27, 35, 40
66	27, 35, 41
67	27, 35, 42
68	27, 35, 43
69	27, 48

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 54 to 69 are directed to subject matter the Examiner indicated is allowable. In view of the cancellation of other claims, discussion of the prior art rejection is believed unnecessary.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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